MASTER of SCIENCE in ACCOUNTANCY

STEM/OPT Certified
Combines technical analytics with critical thinking

- Designed with extensive industry input
- Develop the skillset needed to shape business decisions with data

“Because of my Wake Forest MSA analytics coursework, I was the only intern from my cohort who had experience with data analytics. It was so rewarding to be able to lend help to others as they were interacting with analytics software for the first time.”

– Aria Robertson, Wake Forest MSA ’19 Internship: PwC BSBA Accounting, U. of South Carolina ’18
Leading companies come to Wake Forest for the talent they need because they know they’ll find well-prepared leaders who are ready to make a difference from day one.

**Proven Outcomes**
Wake Forest MSA students consistently achieve superior employment rates for both paid internships and full-time jobs—and historically high CPA pass rates with students typically receiving multiple job offers.

**Career Prep**
Our programs and one-to-one coaching help you develop a job search plan, polish your résumé and hone your interview skills. During “Meet the Firms” events, you’ll network with leading accounting and financial services firms, refining your career goals and making invaluable connections.

**Valuable Internship Opportunity**
Students who enter the MSA program without a post-MSA job offer benefit from a professional, nine-week paid internship during the Spring semester.

“Wake Forest students are exceptional. We are so fortunate to hire these students for their work ethic, career enthusiasm, team focus and their high level of professionalism.”

Melissa Miller, Campus Development Manager, KPMG
HIGH-CALIBER STUDENTS, DEDICATED FACULTY, AN INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM AND A COMMITMENT TO THOROUGH PREPARATION: It all adds up to explain why the Wake Forest MSA is among the nation’s top accounting programs.

BUSINESS ED REDEFINED
Classes and networking in Farrell Hall, a state-of-the-art, $55 million learning complex

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION
A supportive learning environment with access to professors and mentors with relevant real-world knowledge

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
An optional nine-week, paid internship during the busy accounting season, which often leads to a full-time offer

TOP RECRUITERS
A premier recruiting school for the “Big Four,” plus leading national and regional accounting firms

MEASURABLE RESULTS
Extraordinary pass rates on the CPA exam and a history of virtually 100% employment at graduation

The WAKE FOREST DIFFERENCE
We shape performance-ready professionals who are driven to achieve results with integrity.

Business is rapidly evolving. Today, it’s about more than what leaders know in their heads; it’s also what they know in their hearts. It’s having a foundation built on knowledge and skill—but it’s also about developing grit and fostering character.

The School of Business is consistently recognized for its rigor and innovation, both by rankings groups and by recruiters who seek professionals of the highest character who can demonstrate a global mindset and make immediate, meaningful contributions to their organizations.
Choose the track that best suits your aptitudes and career interests

**Assurance Services**
For careers in the assurance/audit practice area. Courses include Advanced Auditing and Assurance Services; Forensic Accounting; and Negotiations.

**Tax Consulting**
For careers in the tax services practice area. Courses include Tax Research Methods; Tax Policy and Planning; and Selected Topics in Taxation.

**Financial Transaction Services**
For careers in the financial transaction and advisory services areas. Courses include Financial Markets, Products and Transactions; Advanced Financial Management; and Business Analysis and Valuation.

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**DO MORE THAN GO TO CLASS. GET TO WORK.**

You’ll complete 30 rigorous hours of graduate coursework including a combination of required core courses and track-specific electives tailored to your career goals.

Two options to earn your Wake Forest MSA:
- **Two-semester option**
  Traditionally, students who enter the MSA program having already accepted a full-time job offer choose the two-semester option. Students graduate in May.
- **Three-semester option**
  Students who enter the MSA program without having accepted a full-time job offer often choose the three-semester option. Students have the opportunity to participate in a nine-week paid internship during the accounting busy season, which typically results in full-time employment offers post-graduation. Students graduate in December.

**Foundational Coursework**
Wake Forest requires completion of foundational coursework as part of the MSA degree to ensure all students have competency in core accounting principles. For students who require one or more foundational courses, they are offered on the Wake Forest campus during the summer following the second semester of the program.

*See back cover for a listing of these courses.*

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**CPA EXAM PREPARATION**

Wake Forest partners with the nationally recognized Becker CPA Exam Review and and MSA faculty stay updated on exam content and are available to students during the summer following the second semester of the program.

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**CPA Pass Rates for first-time test takers**

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CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE*

106
Total students

52%
Female

29%
International

23%
Underrepresented groups**

49
Schools represented

14
Majors represented†

3.56
Average GPA

618
Average GMAT

318
Average GRE

*Class of 2021 (as of August 2020)
**African American, Native American and Hispanic as percent of domestic students
†Undergraduate majors: 61% Accounting; 13% Finance; 10% Humanities/Social Sciences/Sciences; 8% Business/Commerce; 8% Economics/Math

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

#28 IN NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2020

TOP 10% SCHOOL WORLDWIDE
TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS, 2019

HIGHLY SELECTIVE SCHOOL
FORBES AMERICA’S TOP COLLEGES, 2018
WHAT WAKE FOREST DID FOR ME

Chantal Mosley ‘17
UNC-Chapel Hill
BS in Business Administration

CURRENT POSITION:
DHG
Assurance Associate

“Wake Forest’s MSA program prepared me for my future at DHG by providing an environment fostered by teamwork, endurance, and dedication. Each class was thoughtfully designed to offer realistic scenarios, which I now encounter in the workplace each day. The ability to reference back to past classes for knowledge has been helpful during my transition from student to professional life.”

Chet Danto ‘18
University of Texas
BS in Sport Management

CURRENT POSITION:
Deloitte
Audit & Assurance Assistant

“Entering the MSA program with very little accounting experience was rather intimidating. However, once I arrived I immediately felt welcomed by both my peers and the faculty. I was given all the tools and resources to help me succeed throughout the program and I never once felt like I was hindered by my limited background in accounting.”

Pedro Ravelo ‘17
Florida State University
BS in Accounting/Finance

CURRENT POSITION:
EY
Risk Advisor/Media & Entertainment

“At Wake Forest I was surrounded by nurturing professors, faculty and fellow students. In this thriving environment, my network expanded and I experienced academic and professional growth, as well as personal development.”

TOP EMPLOYERS

CohnReznick
Deloitte
DHG
EY
Grant Thornton
Greer Walker
KPMG
pwc
RSM
Choose Between Two Program Options

Option 1: Earn your Masters in Accounting in 2 Semesters
Tuition/Fees: $52,682* (Estimated tuition/fees before scholarships)

Option 2: Earn your Masters in Accounting in 3 Semesters
Tuition/Fees: $79,023* (Estimated tuition/fees before scholarships)

Foundational Courses
- Principles of Financial Accounting
- Principles of Finance
- Introductory Statistics

Choose From Three Career Tracks
- Assurance
- Tax Consulting
- Financial Transaction Services (Exclusive to Wake Forest)

Key Dates
- Online application available: August 17
- Early Application Deadline (non-binding): November 1
- International Application Deadline: March 1
- U.S. Application Deadline (Domestic Accounting Majors only): August 1*
- Classes begin: Late August**

All qualified candidates are assessed for merit and need-based scholarships.

*Rolling admission thereafter for those not requiring foundational courses  **Foundational courses begin in May

Wake Forest University is accredited by: AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, and The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.